cross-border terrorism against India, including the terrorist attack on Indian Parliament on 13 December, 2001. Russia expressed its understanding and support regarding India's justified demands that these activities from Pakistan and territory controlled by it cease completely. Both India and Russia emphasized the need for Pakistan to cooperate in stopping infiltration of terrorists into India, across the international boundary and the Line of Control, and ending the continued terrorist violence in the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir, as also in other parts of India. The sides noted that sustained and irreversible steps in this direction would create a conducive environment for the resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration.

Extraditon treaty with Iran

†1979. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to sign an extradition treaty with Iran;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Indian draft of the proposed extradition treaty was sent to the Iranian Government in January, 2002. The matter is at a preliminary stage.

(d) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.